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By John Lindman

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 12, 2006.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.

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